

# Southeast News: Major and Miner



*Safety through Education & Training*



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## MSHA

## INFORMATION

### NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES

**David Lauriski** was confirmed on May 9, 2001, as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health. Lauriski was president of Lauriski and Associates, LLC, a consulting firm in Price, Utah. He also served as chairman of the board of Oil, Gas and Mining for the state of Utah.

**William L. (Buddy) Wilkie** supervisory metal and nonmetal mine inspector, in our **Birmingham, Alabama** field office, will retire on June 1, 2001 with over 29 years of service.

**Samuel K. Pierce** began working in our **Macon, Georgia** field office on May 7, 2001 as a metal and nonmetal mine inspector (trainee). Sammy comes to us from Opelika Materials in Opelika, Alabama.

### POLICY LETTERS

#### **Program Policy Letter No. P01-III-1**

Effective Date: **April 1, 2001**

Subject: **Extension of Program Policy Letters**

#### **Program Policy Letter No. P01-III-2**

Effective Date: **April 1, 2001**

Subject: **Proposed Assessment of Civil Penalties; Extension of Program Policy Letter 99-III-5**

*Copies of the above-listed information are available, **free-of-charge**, by contacting Bud Stapleton; (205) 290-7294; fax (205) 290-7299 or on MSHA's Homepage at [www.MSHA.gov](http://www.MSHA.gov)*

### Amendment - Safety Alert for Fire Extinguishers

The Department of Energy has released an amendment to a previous alert on fire extinguishers. This alert addresses the fact that booted extinguishers may be at risk of corrosion and subsequent explosion. To obtain a copy, contact Bud Stapleton at (205) 290-7294.



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## STAY OUT - STAY ALIVE ~~MINERS~~ CAMPAIGN

From April 16 - 30, 2001, MSHA conducted its annual Stay Out - Stay Alive national public awareness campaign to warn children and adults about the dangers of exploring and playing on active and abandoned mine sites.

Last year at least 24 non-miners died in accidents on mine properties that involved quarry drownings, overturned ATV's and falls down mine shafts.

If your organization would like to become involved in the annual Stay Out-Stay Alive campaign, please call Amy Louviere at (703) 235-1454, e-mail [Louviere-Amy@MSHA.gov](mailto:Louviere-Amy@MSHA.gov)

To report unsafe public mine access, abandoned mine emergencies or abandoned mine locations, call the MSHA hotline at 1-800-499-1038.

To request copies of posters, stickers or printed materials, please contact Bud Stapleton at (205) 290-7294.

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### ***INFORMATION REQUESTS***

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collected related to these subjects:

T **Record of Individual Exposure to Radon Daughters** - comments due on or before **June 25, 2001**

T **Mine Ventilation System Plan** - comments due on or before **June 25, 2001**

T **Hazardous Conditions Complaints** - comments due on or before **June 25, 2001**

T **Representatives of Miners** - comments due on or before **July 9, 2001**

MSHA is particularly interested in comments which:

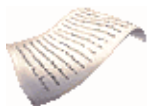
- evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of proposed collection of information
- enhance quality, utility and clarity of information to be collected
- minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses

For additional information contact Brenda Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division; MSHA; (703) 235-1470. E-mail: [bteaster@msha.gov](mailto:bteaster@msha.gov)

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## News Releases

MSHA can now notify you by e-mail when a new press release has been issued. You will need to subscribe on the MSHA Homepage under "What's New" MSHAPRESS posted 3/16/01.



## TECH SUPPORT ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM

You can access Tech Support's Accident Reduction Program on MSHA's Homepage on the "Links to Special Initiatives" section. The mission of this program is to address root causes of accident and fatalities, with an emphasis toward providing engineering controls and solutions to reduce or eliminate future accidents and injuries.

Included on this site are:

- ' Accident Solutions
- ' Post Accident Remedies
- ' Accident Buster Awareness Tips
- ' A "Bulletin Board" of Your Suggestions



## Safety Practices - Don't Leave the Ground Without Them

This Post Accident Investigation Remedy addresses the importance of utilizing safety harnesses and lanyards when working from platforms suspended by cranes or derricks.

*Hard copies of this alert can be requested by contacting Bud Stapleton at (205) 290-7294.*



## UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL SAFETY

This program discusses some of the more common types of electrical hazards that may be found in underground mines. It deals with basic electrical awareness and is intended for the general underground mining population. Part 1 is an 18 minute videotape entitled "Underground Mining Electrical Safety". Part 2 consists of a set of question and answer slides available in Powerpoint® presentation which may be viewed or downloaded using your internet browser. The Powerpoint® presentation has also been converted to HTML and may be viewed in any browser that supports frames.

To access this program from MSHA's Homepage, scroll down to General Information and click on "Underground Mining Electrical Safety Training".

*A copy of the video can be made available by contacting Mary Lord at the National Mine Health and Safety Academy at (304) 256-3257 or e-mail at [lord-mary@msha.gov](mailto:lord-mary@msha.gov)*

*A hard copy of the Powerpoint presentation can be requested by contacting Bud Stapleton at (205) 290-7294.*



## Streaming Media Files

MSHA has added four new streaming media files available throughout our web site. These are:

- T Safety on or Near the Water
- T Blind Spots can Kill
- T Good Berms Save Lives
- T Eye Protection (Peabody Coal Company)

A Streaming Media (Video) link, on the left side of the homepage (blue button), is provided for the user to access Windows Media Player® to enable viewing of the files.

## MEETINGS/SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS

### MSHA INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION CLASSES

MSHA instructor certification classes are available to interested persons, **free-of-charge**. The three-day classes are scheduled on an as-needed basis when the number of requests support a class of at least 10 attendees. The next class is tentatively being planned for **July in Birmingham, Alabama**. This program will prepare experienced mine employees to conduct safety training mandated by the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act. Upon completion of the program, each experienced miner participant will be certified by MSHA as an approved instructor to conduct mandated miner safety training.

*For additional information, or to enroll in this program, please contact Terry Phillips or Connie Carmichael; 135 Gemini Circle, Suite 212; Birmingham, AL 35209; (205) 290-7294; fax: (205) 290-7299*

## MSIA, NASMIA, National Meetings

*The 2001 National Meetings of the Holmes Safety Association, Mine Safety Institute of America, and National Association of State Mine Inspections Agencies will be held in San Antonio, Texas, June 4-7, 2001.*

**Where: Holiday Inn San Antonio  
Riverwalk (210) 224-2500**

### Workshops:

- < *Innovative Annual Refresher*
- < *Abandoned Mines and Employee Safety*
- < *Blasting Dynamics*
- < *HAZCOM*
- < *EFS Makes the Difference*
- < *Lock Out/Tag Out*
- < *Noise Abatement*
- < *Tailgate Safety*
- < *Low Tech Solutions*
- < *Independent Contractor's Responsibility Towards Safety*
- < *Dust Control Procedures*
- < *Fall Protection*

### Panel Sessions

- < *Noise Standard*
- < *Part 46*

**Cost: Room Rate \$91.00  
Registration Fee: \$175.00**

***For more information contact Judy Tate or Sherry Wood at (214) 767-8423 or 8401.***

***Holmes Safety Association,***

## **ACADEMY SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS**

***The following seminars/workshops are available through MSHA's Mine Health and Safety Academy:***

### ***Accident Prevention Techniques\****

**June 12-14, 2001**

Technical Coordinator: **Kenneth Scott**

Tuition: **\$210.00**

### ***Blasting\****

**August 7-9, 2001**

Technical Coordinator: **Wayne Lively**

Tuition: **\$210.00**

### ***Electrical Hazards\****

**3 days, Scheduled upon request**

Technical Coordinator: **Roy Milam**

Tuition: **\$210.00**

### ***Hoists and Elevators\****

**June 5-7, 2001**

Technical Coordinator: **Joseph P. Fama**

Tuition: **\$210.00**

### ***Industrial Hygiene: Sampling for Respirable Silica Dust and Noise***

**Only offered on site**

Technical Coordinators: **William D. McKinney**  
**Polly Kalich**

Tuition: **\$250.00 per student**

### ***Instructor Training Workshop (Part 46)***

**June 4-7, 2001**

**September 24-27, 2001**

Technical Coordinator: **Kenneth M. Scott**

Tuition: **\$210.00 (3 days)**

**\$280.00 (4 days)**

### ***Instructor Training Workshop (Part 48)***

**July 9-12, 2001**

Technical Coordinator: **Kenneth M. Scott**

Tuition: **\$210.00 (3 days), \$280.00 (4 days)**

### ***Introduction to Mining\****

**July 31 - August 2, 2001**

Technical Coordinator: **Jimmy Shumate**

Tuition: **\$210.00**

### ***Mine Elevator Inspection Program Training Module I\****

**July 31 - August 2, 2001**

Technical Coordinator: **Roy Milam**

Tuition: **\$210.00**

### ***Noise Hazards, Regulations, and Control***

**June 5-7, 2001**

Technical Coordinator: **William McKinney**

Tuition: **\$210.00**

### ***Respirable Dust and Silica Sampling and Control Principles of Industrial Ventilation\****

**July 31 - August 2, 2001**

Technical Coordinator: **William McKinney**

Tuition: **\$210.00**

### ***Roof Control for Miners***

**Available at worksite upon request**

Technical Coordinators: **Joseph P. Fama**  
**John Rosiek**

Tuition: **\$80.00**

### ***Roof Control Seminar***

**May 30-31, 2001**

Technical Coordinators: **Joseph P. Fama**  
**John Rosiek**

Tuition: **None**

### ***Surface Haulage Safety Seminar***

**August 21-23, 2001**

Technical Coordinator: **John Tyler**

Tuition: **None**

*\*Scheduling at worksite available upon request.*

*For additional information on these seminars, please contact the technical coordinator at (304) 256-3100 or Jan Keaton at (304) 256-3234.*



# RULEMAKING

The Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances coordinates the development and revision of safety and health rules. Public involvement is invited. Following is the status of rules presently being developed/revised:

**Accident Investigation Hearing Procedures** - Notice of proposed rulemaking is expected August 2001.

**Air Quality and Chemical Substances** - Proposed rule published August 29, 1989. Scheduled date of final rule for phases 2 and 3 is undetermined.

**Asbestos Exposure Limit** - Rulemaking being considered to lower personal exposure level.

**Confined Spaces** - Advance notice of proposed rulemaking published December 30, 1991. Extended comment period closed May 1, 1992. Action on proposed rule is undetermined.

**Diesel Particulate Matter (Exposure of Metal and Nonmetal Miners)** - Proposed rule was published October 29, 1998. Correction of proposed rule to correct errors in the Diesel Emission Control Estimator Formula was dated July 8, 1999. Comment period on clarifications and corrections closed July 26, 1999. Final rule was published January 19, 2001. Effective date delayed until July 5, 2001. However, §57.5060(a) will continue to apply on July 19, 2002, and §57.5060(b) will continue to apply on January 19, 2006.

**Electrical Standards (Metal and Nonmetal)** - Advance notice of proposed rulemaking is expected October 2001.

**Escapeways and Refuges** - Advance notice of proposed rulemaking is expected January 2002.

**Hazard Communication** - Proposed rule published

November 2, 1990. Comment period reopened March 30, 1999, for comment on the proposal's economic and environmental impact and paperwork burden. Comment period closed June 1, 1999. Interim final rule was published October 3, 2000. Comment period closed November 17, 2000. Interim final rule was published October 3, 2001. Final action is undetermined.

**Metal and Nonmetal Impoundments** - Notice of proposed rulemaking is scheduled for December, 2001.

**Mine Rescue Teams** - Notice of proposed rulemaking is expected August 2001.

**Safety Standards for Self Rescue Devices in Underground Coal and Metal/ Nonmetal Mines** - Advance notice of proposed rulemaking was published July 7, 1999. Proposed rule is expected September 2001.

**Surface Haulage** - Advance notice of proposed rulemaking was published July 30, 1998. Notice of proposed rule is expected September 2001.

**Training and Retraining of Miners (Rulemaking from a Section 610 Review)** - Notice of proposed rule is to be determined.

The **Semiannual Regulatory Agenda** was published May 14, 2001. This document contains the agenda of regulations which have been selected for review or development during the coming one-year period. Copies of this document are available upon request and can be obtained by contacting the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances or on MSHA's Homepage.

*For further information on regulatory subjects please contact Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances; 4015 Wilson Boulevard; Arlington, VA 22203-1984; (703) 235-1910.*

## INDUSTRY

### 2001 MINING FATALITIES

As of May 8, 2001, there have been  
20 fatalities reported, nationwide:

13 of these occurred at metal/  
nonmetal mines,

7 were at coal operations.

The Southeast has had 2 fatalities  
reported in 2001 - both to  
contractors working on mine  
properties.

### 2000 FATALITIES UPDATE

In April of this year, the Southeastern  
District had one fatality charged back to  
2000.

This brings the total number of fatalities for  
the Southeast to 6 for 2000.

The total number of fatalities for  
metal/nonmetal was 48 and the total for all  
mining was 86.



REGRETABLELY

11/6/00 - *South Carolina* - A 56 year old  
customer truck driver was seriously injured  
when he was struck by another customer's  
truck after he had gotten out of his truck to  
assess his load of material. He died as a  
result of these injuries on January 28,  
2001. **Cause of accident:** failure to follow  
company policy which required customers  
to stay in the truck at all times while on  
mine property.

4/16/01 - *Alabama* - A 59 year old  
contract truck driver was seriously injured  
when he fell while attempting to secure a  
tarp over the loaded bed of his truck. The  
victim had climbed onto the trailer tire to  
try to loosen a bungee cord that had  
become tangled in the tarp when he fell.  
He died as a result of these injuries on  
April 21, 2001. **Cause of accident:** victim  
lost balance while standing on the rear  
trailer tire.

4/25/01 - *Georgia* - A 34-year old contract  
welder was fatally injured when he was  
engulfed by material after he entered a bin  
as material was being drawn through the  
loadout chute. **Cause of accident:** still  
under investigation.



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As a Reminder...

Quarterly Employment and Injury Reports  
for second quarter (April - June) are due to  
be submitted to Denver by

**July 15, 2001.**





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